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## LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER APPOINTS NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (Former Director of the National Center on Homelessness Joins Local Leadership Team)

LEBANON - October 28, 2014 -

Lebanon VA Medical Center announces that Mr. Vincent Kane has been selected to become the next Associate Director/Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the medical center. Mr. Kane has served in multiple national, regional, and medical center roles over the past 15 years with the Department of Veteran Affairs. Most recently, he served as the Director, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans, where he oversaw various initiatives that promoted research-driven solutions for Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Mr. Kane has been instrumental in building collaborative and innovative care models with Federal, state, and community partners to meet the housing, health care, and service needs of Veterans. Prior to serving in this role, he was the VHA's Executive Officer for Mental Health Services. "Mr. Kane brings a wealth of clinical experience, global perspective, and a proven track record of building community partnerships to care for Veterans. As a clinician, Vince understands how leadership decisions and change can be implemented to improve clinical care and administrative efficiency. His experience and leadership is a welcome addition to our executive leadership team", Robert W. Callahan, Jr., Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lebanon VA Medical Center said.

A graduate of Bryn Mawr School of Social Work and Social Research, Mr. Kane has more than 25 years of experience as a clinician, educator, and administrator. He has multiple publications in peer review journals. In 2012, he was a member of the Veterans Affairs and Housing Urban Development team which was awarded the Samuel J. Heyman Citizens Service Medal for their efforts to end homelessness. The award is sponsored annually by the Partnership for Public Service to honor outstanding Federal employees whose contributions are critical to the health, safety, and well-being of Americans. In 2013, Mr. Kane was awarded the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States Society of Federal Health Professionals, VHA John Case Award for Management Excellence.

Mr. Kane officially assumes his duties in Lebanon on November 2, 2014. He follows Ms. Robin Aube-Warren who was promoted from the Associate Director/COO of Lebanon to Director/CEO of the Wilmington VA Medical Center in Wilmington, DE.

Lebanon VA Medical Center is one of 152 medical centers across the United States dedicated to serving the unique needs of America's Veterans. VA is the largest health care system in the country, using state of the art technology to improve the health of Veterans from every generation. If you are Veteran, you may be eligible to receive care and benefits from VA. Call 717-228-6000 to learn about eligibility in VA health care.